



Photo by JO2 Brian Brannon

GM2 James Brabeck, BM2 Hector Aguirre and EM1 Steven White man the rails on a 34-foot patrol vessel at the commissioning ceremony for Naval Coastal Warfare Squadron (NCWRON) 34. The port security and harbor defense organization is comprised of Harbor Defense Command Unit 114; Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare (MIUW) Units 105, 112 and 114; and Inshore Boat Units (IBU) 14 and 16. These units will now train together, operate together and deploy together as a squadron. Their mission is to provide seaward surveillance and security forces in amphibious objective areas, harbors, coastal and inshore areas throughout the world. NCWRON 34 is made up of Sailors from the Naval Reserve and Coast Guard, with a small active-duty cadre.

New Coastal Warfare Squadron Commissioned At Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach

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A potent new port security and harbor defense force was forged July 24 to support the ongoing Global War on Terrorism. Naval Coastal Warfare Squadron (NCWRON) 34 was commissioned in a special ceremony at its new headquarters aboard Naval Weapons Station (NAVWPNSTA) Seal Beach, Calif. The organization combines proven anti-terrorism and force protection units from the Naval Reserve that have recently returned from deployments in support of Operations *Iraqi Freedom* and *Noble Eagle*.

"Every unit in this squadron has been recalled to active duty, and some twice, since September 11," said CAPT Alan C. Painter, deputy commander of Naval Coastal Warfare Group 1.

Harbor Defense Command Unit (HDCU) 114 was re-designated as NCWRON 34, its members serving as the squadron staff and C4I detachment. Other components of NCWRON 34 include Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit (MIUWU) 105 and Inshore Boat Unit (IBU) 16, which are both now based at NAVWPNSTA Seal Beach. The squadron also consists of MIUWU 114, located in Kansas City, Mo., as well as MIUWU 112 and IBU 14, located in St. Louis, Mo. A small active-duty cadre will serve with the squadron. The squadron staff and C4I detachments will also be staffed by Coast Guard Reservists.

"Before Operation *Iraqi Freedom*, we deployed as a collection of units that worked together as part of the anti-terrorism and force-protection package," said C4I operations officer LCDR John Garofolo,

United States Coast Guard Reserve. "We've formalized the structure in which these units will be organized and trained. Now we will be deploying as a squadron, as opposed to a collection of units."

NCWRON 34 will exercise operational control, training, readiness and administrative oversight of the units under its command. The mission of the MIUWUs and IBUs is to provide seaward surveillance and security to U.S. and allied forces in ports and waterways throughout the world.

U.S. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (46th Congressional District) presented CAPT Mike Shatynski, commodore of NCWRON 34, with an American flag that had been flown over the United States capitol in the honor of the new squadron.

"I want to thank all of you for your service to this country in this very pivotal moment in our country's history," Rohrabacher said. "We don't take your service for granted, which is why I'm here today." Rohrabacher presented Congressional Certificates of Recognition to HDCU 114, MIUWU 105 and IBU 16 for their participation in Operations *Iraqi Freedom* and *Noble Eagle*.

Shatynski also received a Bronze Star for his recent role as force security officer at the port of Ash Shuaybah in Kuwait. Other award presentations included Navy Unit Commendations, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medals and the Coast Guard 9/11 Ribbon.

For more information on Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, go to <http://www.sbeach.navy.mil>. For more information on NCWRON 34, go to <http://www.news.navy.mil/local/ncwron34>. ♦



Photo by UT2 Ken Irwin

SK2 Shannon Griego of NCFSU-2 Port Hueneme, Calif., waits for instructions from the range coach during her annual weapons qualification at the Point Mugu Shooting Range. Griego and other members of SU-2 participated in the July shoot involving both the M-16 rifle and 9 mm pistol.

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REDCOM Mid-Atlantic

NAVAL AIR FACILITY WASHINGTON — The Navy's only Reserve prowler squadron, Electronic Countermeasures (VAQ) 209, "Star Warriors," based out of Naval Air Facility Andrews, Md., recently took part in Exercise Clean

Hunter. Operating in a dual role, the Star Warriors were tasked by both sides of this mock war in order to make full use of the limited EA-6Bs in theater. The exercise was a tremendous training experience for the Star Warriors. The squadron moved its planes and equipment over three thousand miles and provided jamming support for over 10 NATO partners.

—LCDR Jeff Nowak, VAQ 209 Public Affairs Officer



REDCOM Midwest

MARSHFIELD, Wis. — National Guard and Reserve employees from Marshfield Clinic received the Seven

Seals Award in July. Presented annually by the Wisconsin Committee for the Employer's Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), the award signifies employers who go above and beyond to support Guard and Reserve troops. Marshfield Clinic is one of only a handful of employers who receive the award. The seven seals represent the reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, as well as the Army and Air National Guard.

—Marshfield Clinic PAO office



REDCOM Northwest

HELENA, Mont. — CDR Bradley Posadas, commanding officer of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 18 (NMCB 18), recently toured Naval

Reserve Center Helena, Mont., as part of a regional effort to meet with Seabees in the Pacific Northwest. According to Posadas, these tours help improve contact between active duty and Reserve Seabees and keep everyone on the same page. During the drill weekend, Posadas,

along with detachment officer in charge, SWCS Ken Morgan, presented two Helena Seabees their Seabee Combat Warfare pins, and welcomed a newly advanced petty officer into the detachment.

—LT Mike Sullivan, NMCB 18 Public Affairs

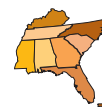


REDCOM South

INGLESIDE, Texas — Command of coastal mine hunter USS Shrike (MHC 62) changed hands Friday, Aug. 6, when CDR Barry Bakos turned over the helm to LCDR

Brian Dulla. Dulla reports from the United States Naval Academy, where he served as an electrical engineering instructor. Bakos' will continue to serve as chief staff officer of Mine Countermeasures Squadron One at Naval Station Ingleside. Under Bakos' command, the Shrike became the first mine hunter to transit the Panama Canal.

—Fifi Kieschnik, Naval Station Ingleside Public Affairs



REDCOM Southeast

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — REDCOM Southeast recently welcomed CAPT John J. McGarry Jr. as their new commander. McGarry from the staff of Commander, U.S.

Naval Forces Europe, London. He succeeds RADM John M. Stewart, who will continue to serve as Deputy Commander, Navy Personnel Command, with additional duties as Director, Individual Augmentation and Reserve Mobilization on the OPNAV N3/N5 staff.

—JO2 Jennifer Valdivia, Asst Public Affairs Officer REDCOM South East



REDCOM Southwest

POINT MUGU, Calif. — AW2(NAC) Ed Baldwin, a Full Time Support Reservist for Patrol Squadron (VP) 65, graduated first in his class from the Ventura County Police and Sheriff's Reserve Academy on June 5th, 2004. Now he

is not only a proud Sailor supporting his country, he's also protecting the safety and well-being of his community.

—JO2 Auburn Hutton



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Navy Reserve Profile of the Month

Name: Scott Schropshire

Rank: BM1

Rating: Civil Engineer

"As an engineer, I don't really get my hands dirty," he says. "I'm busy designing, managing, and leading design teams to get the project completed. As a Boatswain's Mate, I'm getting my hands dirty and breaking a sweat. I really like that hands-on aspect of it. I like dragging the chains - it makes me feel like I'm doing my job."